

# 4th & Stewart church of Christ

"...upon this rock I will build my church;  
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."  
~Matthew 16:18



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## Meeting Times:

### Sunday:

Bible Study .....9:45 AM  
Worship .....10:40 AM  
Care, Inc. Service .... 2:30 PM  
Worship ..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class 10:00 AM  
Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

## Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Billy Chism

## Deacons:

Mike Bannister..... Don Smith

John Barnum

## Preacher:

Johnny McCaghren

## Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children  
Gospel Broadcast Network  
Heart of Texas Bible Camp (Bangs)  
Mission Printing  
Rohan Jones, Africa  
World Bible School

# Gospel Meeting

October 27-30, 2019

## “Evangelism in Word and Deed”

Gospel Meeting held at the building of the  
4<sup>th</sup> & Stewart church of Christ  
3201 Fourth Street  
Brownwood, Texas

## Service Times & Topics

- Sun. 9:45am “Christianity is a Taught Religion”  
10:40am “Faith is the Product”  
6:00pm “Faith is Better than Emotions”
- Mon. 7:00pm “Every Christian Must Teach” according to Ability and Role
- Tues. 7:00pm “Commanded to Teach Authority, Not Opinion”
- Wed. 7:00pm “The World Must be Impacted” [Turned Upside Down]

Lunch will be provided after services Sunday Morning.  
Snacks & fellowship after Monday & Tuesday evening services.

Our speaker is **Byran Braswell**. Bryan is originally from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He began preaching in 1996 in Arkansas. After attending Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin (1999-2001), he did local work in Roanoke, Texas (2007-2008), and Malvern, Arkansas (2008-2016). While in Malvern, he started his own business in property and real estate management, which he now runs out of San Angelo, Texas. Though no longer preaching “full-time,” Bryan is a frequent speaker on lectureships and conducts several gospel meetings each year. He also serves as a deacon at the 9<sup>th</sup> & Main church of Christ in San Angelo.

Bryan and his wife Gina have been married since 1997. They have three children: Abby (17), Jadon (15), and Danielle (11).

Please join us as we explore this important Bible subject.



Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. **Colossians 3:12-17**

Let us know if you want to study  
the Bible to know more about  
Christ and His Church.

# What Congregations Owe Their Youth

The teen years are some of the most challenging and yet formative years of a person's life. As friends are made and habits are formed, it is important that a good foundation is laid in the teen years. While many have written about the exodus of young Christians once they get to college, there are things that can be done beforehand to better ensure continued faithfulness once they get to college. Congregations should demand that members are active and doing their part, but there are also some things that congregations owe their teenagers.

## Good and Challenging Bible Classes and Sermons

It is a shame that the school system will often challenge our teens more than the church will. They take in -depth math, science, and language class only to be spoon-fed Noah's Ark and Daniel in the Lion's Den continually in Bible class. The psalmist believed that a young person could cleanse his way by paying close attention to God's Word (Ps. 119:9). We should not think that our children will remain faithful in the post-teen years if we have equipped them with a bite-sized faith to begin with. It is true that we must all grow in grace a little more each day, but we must not underestimate our young people (2 Pet. 2:2). May it never be the case that we just randomly select any warm body to teach the teen Bible class. If you needed a lifeguard in a swimming pool, where do you think the strongest lifeguard should be? Should the strongest lifeguard be where people swim pretty well on their own or where people are beginners and are more likely to struggle or drown? Those who teach these classes must be prepared and not simply rush in late and read word for word from a Bible study quarterly. This communicates to teens that the class is unimportant, serious Bible study is a joke, and that their class is not worth preparing for.

Congregations should seriously evaluate who teaches the teen Bible classes and make sure that sound doctrine is being taught that will build their faith (Tit. 2:1; Heb. 5:12-14). [Our thanks to Tom, who does an excellent job teaching our teen class! - J.M<sup>c</sup>.] Likewise the sermons should be biblical and thought-provoking (2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Pet. 4:11). Teens should expect to hear the Bible preached but also to be challenged in their thinking as they learn Scripture. Eloquence is not the goal, but teens should grow up knowing that Christianity is not a mindless religion but instead one that requires wrestling with the greatest thoughts the human mind can contemplate—God, faith, hope, love, truth.

## A Chance to Serve

The old saying, "If you want something done right, do it yourself" is a terrible leadership motto. When we do all of the work and fail to equip teenagers to serve, we are crippling the church for years to come (cf. Acts 6:1-4). Perhaps young Christians will not do it perfectly the first time. The mistakes that inexperienced or young Christians make can be frustrating, but to sideline them in the work of the church is a huge mistake. Paul told Timothy (who was not a teenager though he was young) that he should not let anyone look down on him because of his youth (1 Tim. 4:12). Teenagers can be an example in many ways but only if we allow them an opportunity to serve and work (1 Cor. 12:12-24).

When teenagers feel a part of the congregation and are given chances to participate in the Lord's work, this makes the church special to them. The active teenager will view the church more as something he or she is personally a part of and not simply as something their parents or grandparents force them to do. Teenagers should be encouraged to be involved with evangelism among their peers (2 Tim. 2:2). Teenagers can be active in restoring some of their peers who have drifted away as they express sincere concern for their souls (Jas. 5:19-20). Teenagers can be involved in serving

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### Television

In Search of the Lord's Way (Phil Sanders)

Sunday @ 7:30am on KTAB

Life In The Light (Chris McCurley)

Sunday @ 10:00am on KTAB

### Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)

Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

### Internet

TheGospelRadioNetwork.org

Gospel Broadcasting Network (Gbnv.org)

### God's Plan for Redeeming Man

**Hear** Learn the saving message of Christ's sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).

**Believe** Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)

**Confess** Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)

**Repent** of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)  
Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being **baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)

**Live faithfully** (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

### Bible Reading Schedule

[video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan/](http://video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan/)

**Oct. 27** Ecclesiastes 6—12

**Oct. 28** Song of Solomon 1—8

**Oct. 29** Isaiah 1—4 (video)

**Oct. 30** Isaiah 5—8 (video)

**Oct. 31** Isaiah 9—12

**Nov. 1** Isaiah 13—16

**Nov. 2** Isaiah 17—20

**Nov. 3** Isaiah 21—24

*"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*

*(2 Timothy 2:15)*



**Visitation Meeting**

- ◆ Last week **53** contacts were made.

**Announcements**

- ◆ Congratulations to **new grandparents, Ryan and Tammy Rudloff!** **Thomas Wilkins** made his entrance at 7:19 yesterday morning, at 8lbs., 6ozs. and 20.5 inches long. Sarah and Vince are the proud parents. All are doing well.
- ◆ **Fellowship Meal** following this morning's worship.
- ◆ We will need **snack foods for after services Monday and Tuesday evenings.**
- ◆ **Evening meal schedule** (5:15 each evening):
  - Underwood's Cafeteria (402 W Commerce)
  - Section Hand Steak House (4412 Hwy. 377 S)
  - Cici's Pizza (1107 Clement)
- ◆ **Song Leaders** for Gospel Meeting:
  - Monday: Mike Bannister
  - Tuesday: Foy Forehand
  - Wednesday: Johnny McCaghren
- ◆ **Ladies Bible Class** will meet Wednesday morning as usual.

**Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart**

- ◆ March 15-18—Spring Gospel Meeting w/ Richard Massey.

**Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow**

- ◆ Nov. 1-3—Colleyville Lectures. *"Fight the Good Fight"*
- ◆ Nov. 10-13—Annual Schertz Lectures. *"Studies in Genesis"*



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during worship services or even leading devotionals. Teenagers must not be made to feel like the spiritual "B Team" or they may one day grow up and see their faith as optional or unimportant.

**A Listening Ear**

Teens have a lot of questions and sometimes we are so quick to give answers that we do not listen as well as we should (Prov. 18:13). In Bible class we should listen to the types of comments that are made and the questions that are asked. When we listen closely, we will see the things that our teens are struggling with and be able to respond accordingly. There are too many caricatures that are formed about today's teens, and, while they may be cute and funny, they are not helpful. We will always give the wrong answers if we do not hear the questions being asked.

Listen for the things that concern our teens. Many teens today are looking to be involved in various social justice movements. We must show them that Christianity is the greatest cause in the world and through being faithful Christians and actively loving our neighbor we can do the most eternal good (Matt. 7:12). We should open our ears to our teens and listen then give well-reasoned responses.

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**Celebrate**

*"Rejoice with those who rejoice..." (Romans 12:15)*

**November Birthdays:** Linda Jimenez (8), Tammy Rudloff (8), Emilee Evetts (13), Randy Huckaby (15), Marcia Turnbull (24).

**Oct./Nov. Anniversaries:** **Mike & Patti Bannister (10/27)**; Gene & Barbara Bannister (11/6), Coyce & Connie Reed (11/7), Charles & Bennie White (11/19).

*Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...*



**Records**

	Oct. 13, 2019	Oct. 20, 2019
Bible Class	46	50
AM Worship	48	56
PM Worship	29	39
Wednesday PM	41	35
Contribution	\$1,727	\$2,252

	<b>This Week: 10/27/19</b>	<b>Next Week: 11/3/19</b>			
<b>Sunday AM:</b>	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<p><b>October 2019</b>  <b>Make Announcements:</b>                      John Barnum  <b>Prepare Communion:</b>                      Johnny &amp; Cindy McCaghren  <b>Clean Building:</b>                      Johnny &amp; Cindy McCaghren</p> <p><b>November 2019</b>  <b>Make Announcements:</b>                      James Fuller  <b>Prepare Communion:</b>                      Tom &amp; Carol Wilcox  <b>Clean Building:</b>                      Dennis Family</p>		
<b>Greeters</b>	John & Tina Barnum	Tom & Carol Wilcox			
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	James Fuller	Allen Griffith			
<b>Communion</b>	Don Smith*, Keven Ross Vernon Zier, Randy Huckaby	Ryan Rudloff*, Coyce Reed Chase Churchwell, Caleb Dennis			
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Barnum	Don Smith			
<b>Attendance Cards</b>	Ian Barnum	Aaron Smith			
<b>Sunday PM:</b>	Song Leader: Johnny McCaghren	Song Leader: Ken Maninger			
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Allen Griffith	Randy Huckaby			
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Tom Wilcox	John Barnum			
<b>Communion</b>	Don Smith	Ryan Rudloff			
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Joe Dennis	Tom Wilcox			
<b>Wednesday Devotionals:</b>	October 30 Gospel Meeting	November 6 Barry Hatcher	November 13 Joe Dennis	November 20 Rafe Smith	

## Search the Scriptures

Be like the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

### Studies for the week of October 27, 2019

Sunday Class ..... **Gospel Meeting**  
 Wed. Class ..... **Gospel Meeting**

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### Solid Foundation

There are certain areas that every congregation should cover several times over with their teens. Our teens should know the basics about why we believe God exist, why we believe the Bible is the Word of God, and why we are convinced that Jesus is the Son of God (1 Pet. 3:15). Furthermore, they should know the difference between the New Testament plan of salvation and the false plans offered by man (Acts 22:16). The New Testament church should be clearly explained and taught so that they know the difference between the church Jesus built and denominationalism (Matt. 16:18-19). Moral issues and purity must be emphasized so that worldliness is easily detected as they see it expressed in movies, music, and other forms of recreation. They must not have our permission to fall in love with the world (1 Jn. 2:15-17). A solid foundation must be laid concerning the grace of God and the security of those who walk in the light so that they are not crushed by the burden of perfectionism or legalism.

As we teach all of these things, we must not forget to teach the why. We do these things because we love Jesus and want to glorify Him (Gal. 2:20). Rules and prohibitions detached from the gospel message will exhaust those who try and comply. However, when teenagers are told that we do the things we do out of love for our King who

died for us, they will see Christianity not simply as a list of do's and don'ts but as a system of grace and faith. God extends His grace to us and in faith we live for Him.

### A Message to Parents

Parents are given the primary responsibility for bringing their children up in the proper way (Deut. 6:6-9; Eph. 6:4). While congregations should help and not hinder these efforts, in the end it is the parents' responsibility. Too many have asked youth ministers and deacons to do in a few hours a week that which it takes a lifetime to do—cultivate spirituality in their children. Parents, let's get serious about our teens' spiritual status. Have meaningful conversations with them about eternal matters. Teach them the Word in formal and informal settings and saturate their hearts with God's truth. God has assigned parents the role of teaching their children and anything else the congregation does is "icing on the cake."

Congregations must not overlook teenagers. Teenagers can play a vital role in the local congregation. They must be equipped, challenged, and involved in the work of the kingdom. The world tries to influence children as early as possible for evil, and we must influence them as early as possible for good. Congregations owe teenagers their very best because that's what God would have us to give them.

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